

## THE IOWA POLL

Study #2083  
800 Iowa adults  
Margin of error:  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points

SELZER & COMPANY  
September 22-25, 2013  
Weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

### Poll Questions

In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
22	68	10

What about here in Iowa? Do you think things in the state are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
52	36	12

Do you think things in state government are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
41	45	14

I'm going to mention some elected officials. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling his job. **(Rotate list.)**

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Terry Branstad as governor	54	36	10
Barack Obama as president	39	58	3

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing with the situation in Syria?

33 Approve  
56 Disapprove  
11 Not sure

Do you think Governor Branstad has been in office long enough or do you think he should seek another term?

55 Has been in office long enough  
35 Should seek another term  
10 Not sure

Which of the following best describes your view of the Affordable Care Act, sometimes known as Obamacare? **(Read list.)**

9 It is a very good law that should be allowed to be fully implemented  
36 It is an OK law, with some pluses and some minuses  
49 It is a very bad law that should be repealed or defunded  
6 Not sure

I'm going to mention some elements of the Affordable Care Act. For each, please tell me if this specific part seems like a good idea or a bad idea. **(Rotate list.)**

	Good idea	Bad idea	Not Sure
Allowing children to remain on their parents' health insurance plan until age 26	70	28	2
Removing lifetime caps on how much insurance companies will pay for policyholders' health care	56	34	10
Requiring health insurance companies to cover everyone, even if they have pre-existing conditions	74	23	3
Setting up exchanges where people can compare plans and see what they would cost	85	11	4
Requiring nearly everyone to have health insurance coverage, with government help for those who cannot afford the full premium	52	43	5
Expanding the number of low-income people eligible to be covered through government programs	47	47	6
Requiring companies with 50 or more employees to provide a health insurance plan or pay a penalty	51	44	5

**(Alternate next two questions.)**

Regardless of your interest in attending a party caucus, what kind of Republican candidate do you think stands the best chance of winning the presidency in the November 2016 election? **(Rotate list.)**

- 33 A candidate focused on civil liberties and a small government rooted in the U.S. Constitution.
- 36 A business-oriented fiscally conservative candidate
- 17 A candidate who emphasizes Christian conservative values
- 14 Not sure

Regardless of your interest in attending a party caucus, what kind of Democratic candidate do you think stands the best chance of winning the presidency in the November 2016 election? **(Rotate list.)**

- 29 A candidate with decades of public service in the U.S. Senate and executive branch
- 57 A fresh face who will represent a new generation with new ideas
- 14 Not sure

Regardless of any party affiliation, do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	No	Refused/ Not sure
29	60	11

### About the poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted Sep. 22-25 for The Des Moines Register by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on interviews with 800 Iowans ages 18 or older. Interviewers contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers. Responses were adjusted by age, sex, and congressional district to reflect the general population based on recent Census data.

Questions based on the sample of 800 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than

plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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